#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Noel C. Cobb et al.

For:

SINGLE USE, SELF-CONTAINED TWIST RESISTANT

**SURGICAL KNIFE** 

Attorney Docket No.:

0075-2

Bedminster, NJ 07921 April 8, 2004

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I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9 (c) if that person had made the invention or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9 (d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9 (e).

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There is, in fact, no such person, concern, or organization.

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## **DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION SOLE OR JOINT**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention titled:

#### SINGLE USE, SELF-CONTAINED TWIST RESISTANT SURGICAL KNIFE

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I HEREBY STATE THAT I HAVE REVIEWED AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED SPECIFICATION, INCLUDING THE CLAIMS.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits un listed below and have also identified belo application on which priority is claimed:			
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